

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to identify information relating to the international application and priority applications of the present application.

The specification has also been amended to correct errors in the original Japanese text. In the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 15, last sentence, 100 nm or less has been amended to correctly read 100 nm or more. Support for this amendment can be found in the previous sentence of the specification (page 35, lines 12-14).

In the paragraph beginning on page 53, line 4, first sentence, the weight ratio of the higher soluble polymer has been corrected from 10 to 30% to read 5 to 60%. Support for this amendment can be found on page 12, lines 1 to 18, and in item (6) of claim 40.

In the paragraph beginning on page 77, line 2, second sentence, the phrase "diameter of 20 nm or more" has been amended to read "diameter of 100 nm or more". This is correction of a typographical error in the description of the area ratio of islands. This amendment is consistent with the description of the area ratio of islands throughout the specification.

In the paragraph beginning on page 110, line 10, last sentence, "Table 1" has been amended to read "Table 6". This is

correction of an obvious typographical error since Table 1 refers to a fiber and Table 6 refers to a yarn.

In the paragraph beginning on page 122, line 17, reference to "N6 fiber" has been corrected to "N66 fiber". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the description of Example 19 (page 122, lines 5 and 21, and page 123, line 3).

The paragraph beginning on page 136, line 16, has been amended to have consistent use of the term "short panty" throughout the paragraph.

The paragraph beginning on page 140, line 23, and the paragraph beginning on page 142, line 23, have been amended to correct a typographical error in the description of the area ratio of islands. These amendments are consistent with the description of the area ratio of islands throughout the specification.

The paragraphs beginning on page 159, line 24, page 160, line 14, and page 160, line 21, have been amended to correct an obvious numbering error in the examples. Example 52 is described in the paragraph beginning on page 158, line 25. Thus, the subsequent examples should be numbered 53, 54 and 55.

The amendments to the specification do not add any new matter.

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to conform with standard United States Patent

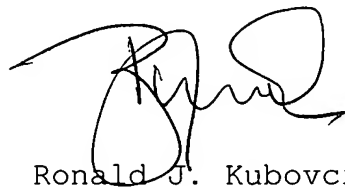
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